

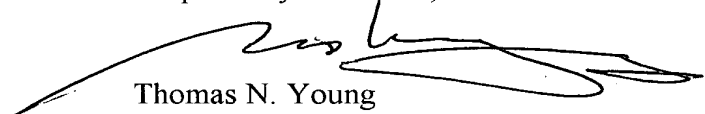
REMARKS

Applicants have preliminarily amended their application to include a claim of priority to corresponding Canadian Patent Application No. 2,432,245, filed June 13, 2003. Applicants submit herewith a certified copy of the priority document and supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney in support of their claim for priority.

It is submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Consideration of the application as amended is requested. It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance, notice of which is requested.

If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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